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In re application: Ahrens, Jr. et al.

Serial No.: 09/971,144

Filed: October 4, 2001

For: Data Processing System, Method,  
and Product for Automatically  
Tracking Insertions of Integrated  
Circuit Devices

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Group Art Unit: 2863

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Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

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